

SENATE BILL 25  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 4, relative to parenting plan.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-413, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(5)(A) and by substituting instead the following:

(A) The premarital preparation course shall include instruction regarding:

(i) Premarital Factors Influencing Marriage and Family

(a) Communications and Relationships

(b) Trust and Acceptance

(c) Role Expectations

(d) Age, Common Interests, Stepchildren, Race

(e) Role of Religion: Background and Expectations

(ii) Marriage and Family

(a) Cultivating a Successful Family

(b) Dual Career Families

(c) Sexual Issues

(d) Financial Security

- (1) Insurance
- (2) Savings
- (3) Investments
  - (A) Fixed
  - (B) Variable
  - (C) Children and Future Education

(iii) Parenting

- (a) Positive Parenting Skills
- (b) Teach Children How to Make Decisions
- (c) Understanding Conflict and Its Management
- (d) Family Rituals and Traditions

(iv) Facing Family Issues

- (a) Keeping Your Child Safe and Alive
- (b) Child Neglect and Abuse
- (c) Sexual Assault

(v) Mature Families

- (a) Increased Pressures on Health Care
- (b) Effects of Incurable Disease on the Family
- (c) Grandparents as Parents
- (d) Retirement Begins with Early Decisions

(vi) Family Termination and Change

- (a) Family Stress; Adjustment to Crisis and Transition
- (b) Divorce and Implications
- (c) Single Parenting
- (d) Children and Divorce
- (e) Stepfamilies

(f) Death in the Family and Grief and Adaptation

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.